

## NIMH CONSTITUENCY OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Some Latino Web Resources: Tip Sheet 2

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*Please note that the URLs and navigation tips below were accurate as of December 12, 2000. Because Web sites are constantly updated, this information may change at any time. We would appreciate your notifying your Outreach Liaison if you discover inaccuracies in the tip sheet so that we can update it.*

#### Government Links

1. The National Institute of Mental Health devotes a section of its Web site to Spanish-language materials and ordering information.  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/spanishpub.cfm>
2. The Office of Minority Health (OMH; part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS]) helps to ensure that Federal, State, and local health programs consider the needs of disadvantaged and racial and ethnic populations, including their specific cultural characteristics.  
<http://www.omhrc.gov>
  - The Office of Minority Health Resource Center has a wealth of information about Latino and other minority populations. Click on **OMH Resource Center**, then on **Database** to conduct customized searches for publications, organizations, funding opportunities, and more. Alternatively, you can call the Resource Center at 1-800-444-6472 to speak with an information specialist.
  - Subscribe to OMH's free newsletter, *Closing the Gap*, by calling 1-800-444-6472. Or access it online at <http://www.omhrc.gov/OMH/WhatsNew/2pgwhatsnew/Closing.htm>. The September/October 2000 issue includes articles on English/Spanish medical interpretation, Ohio's efforts to develop a population database of Latinos, and Tennessee's creation of a Latino network. Browse the archives for additional items of interest.
  - OMH maintains a list of the offices of minority health in each State, which you may want to contact for information on local Latino communities and outreach efforts. (Go to <http://www.omhrc.gov>. Click on **About OMH** and find the link to **State offices of minority health**.)
3. DHHS's Hispanic Action Initiative aims to enhance that agency's responsiveness to the health and human service needs of the Latino population. Among other information, on the Hispanic Action Agenda Web site you will find "Hispanics in the United States: An Insight Into Group Characteristics" (click on **About HAA**) and information on cultural competency.  
<http://www.dhhs.gov/>  
<http://www.omhrc.gov/haa/> (Hispanic Action Agenda)
4. U.S. Bureau of the Census (<http://www.census.gov>)
  - For national data (not broken down by State) on the Hispanic population in the United States, go to <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hispanic/>.

- For State population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin (1990 to 1999), go to [http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/st\\_srh.html](http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/st_srh.html).

### **Nongovernment Links**

1. The Latino Mental Health Web site provides a wealth of information, including a summary of findings regarding the rates of psychological disorders among Latino adults, adolescents, and children; rates of health insurance coverage and utilization of mental health services among Latinos; and census data. NIMH; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a part of DHHS; and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) sponsor this Web site.  
<http://www.latinomentalhealth.net/>
2. The Latino Culture Web site addresses Latino health and cultural issues. On the left column of the home page under **Subjects** click on **Health**, then click on *Al Sofa* for mental health fact sheets in English and Spanish.  
<http://latinoculture.about.com/>
3. The National Council of La Raza is the largest constituency-based Latino organization in the country, with over 230 affiliates serving 39 States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. (See **Affiliate Locator** on their home page.) Their Web site is rich with information about their social action agenda, including health issues.  
<http://www.nclr.org>
4. The National Center for Farmworker Health's Web site has excellent general information about farmworkers in this country. For specific information on the health status and demographics of migrant farmworkers in your area, call 1-800-531-5120.  
<http://www.ncfh.org/>
5. The Inter-University Program for Latino Research is a network of 16 university-based departments whose purpose is to enlarge the scope and raise the quality of research that has a bearing on U.S. Latino communities. From its Web site, <http://www.nd.edu/~iuplr/>, you can visit the 16 member centers, such as Michigan State University's Julian Samora Research Institute, an excellent source of data on Latino economic, social, and demographic trends from Ohio to Utah.